

To: Federal Communications Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Indiana for eight years now, and lived in Illinois for the first 24 years of my life. I have been voting for the last 14 years, and actively involved in local politicking for the last four years. I am a husband and father of six children. When I am home from work, I look forward to spending quality time with my wife and children. Before Indiana's Telephone Privacy list, my evenings at home consisted of an average of six telemarketing phone calls over the dinner hour, usually lasting until nine o'clock at night. My children are still young and go to bed at eight-thirty. Trying to fit in quality time, dinner, homework, baths and so forth during this time, and still answering the phone, made life a hassle and usually pushed my patience to the edge. Even though my children were not the source of this agitation, they often bore the brunt of it, even after hanging up on pushy, uncaring solicitors. The constitutional right to protect one's property from trespassers has already been upheld. Why should our time, and our private time with our families, be any less important. The federal government is actively trying to stop identity theft, proclaiming more privacy issues. The HIPPA laws guaranteed privacy in the healthcare field. Why would telephone solicitation be any different? Would like each and every one of your customers to call you at home between the hours of five and nine in the evening just to sell you something you don't need or want? The act of grandfathering in businesses that a person has had dealings with in the past year or so does not eliminate the need for some barrier to keep the unwanted out. If the intent of every phone call could be announced prior to answering, that might make things easier, but unfortunately that is not done, and even caller ID can be turned off or spoofed.

All I ask is that Indiana's Telephone Privacy Act be upheld. This country was founded on citizenship, not big business.

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